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SUBJECT: CSCE DEVELOPMENTS -- JULY 15

- FOLLOWING IS STATUS REPORT ON CSCE DEVELOPMENTS AS OF 2100, GENEVA TIME, JULY 15.
- 2. TIMING OF STAGE III. UNABLE TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON REMAINING LOOSE ENDS, THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE COULD NOT CONFIRM TODAY THE JULY 30 TARGET DATE FOR OPENING OF THE HELSINKI STAGE III MEETING. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE AGREED TO MEET WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY, IF NECESSARY, TO CONCLUDE ALL STAGE II NEGOTIATIONS AND FORMALLY CONFIRM THE JULY 30 DATE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PARTIES THAT ALL TEXTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY JULY 18.
- 3. REMAINING ISSUES. PRINCIPAL UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS ARE: REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, WHICH IS FAST APPROACHING SINCE DECLARATION IS WELL INTO ITS THIRD READING; MANEUVERS CBM'S, ON WHICH TURKS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOWING FLEXIBILITY, BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER SOVIET MISGIVINGS RE EXCEPTIONS FOR TURKEY CAN BE

OVERCOME; BASKET 2 MFN/RECIPROCITY PROBLEM, WHICH

HAS ENTERED FINAL EC NINE-SOVIET BARGAINING PHASE; STATUS OF FINAL DOCUMENT, WHICH IS VERY NEAR COMPLETION; AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGE III, IN WHICH US DELEGATION APPEARS TO BE SUCCEEDING IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL MOST LIKELY PRECLUDE BREZHNEV'S SELECTION TO FIRST PLACE ON LIST OF SPEAKERS.

4. PRESS CONCERNS. WE HAVE BEGUN TO COORDINATE DEPARTMENT-USIA-WHITE HOUSE EFFORT TO CONTEND WITH UNUSUALLY LARGE US PRESS ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT HELSINKI SUMMIT MEETING. INGERSOLL

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